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SUBJECT:TUNGSTEN PRODUCTION/CONSUMPTION STATISTICS -- SOUTH AFRICA

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1. SOUTH AFRICA'S DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF TUNGSTEN IS INSIGNIFICANT, AND IMPORTS ARE OF LIMITED VOLUMES AND VALUES ONLY.
2. TUNGSTEN PRODUCTION IN 1973 TOTALED LESS THAN ONE (1) METRIC TON ONLY OF CONCENTRATES. THERE WAS NO RECORDED, OR KNOWN, OUTPUT IN 1974, AND NONE IS ANTICIPATED DURING 1975 AND 1976.
3. IMPORTS (AND THUS APPARENT CONSUMPTION) OF TUNGSTEN ORES AND CONCENTRATES TOTALED 470 METRIC TONS IN 1973 (VALUE: RAND 732,888) AND 342 TONS IN 1974 (VALUE: RAND 1,787,259) (REVISED). ESTIMATES INDICATE THAT IMPORTS MAY INCREASE MODERATELY IN 1975 AND 1976 TO POSSIBLY 550 AND 600 TONS RESPECTIVELY.
4. IMPORTS OF TUNGSTEN METAL (INCLUDING ALLOYS) TOTALED 134.5 METRIC TONS (VALUE: RAND 1,408,098) IN 1973 AND 182.4 TONS (VALUE RAND 2,121,795) IN 1974. FORECASTS SUGGEST THAT IMPORTS (VIS. CONSUMPTION) SHOULD INCREASE BY 7.8 PERCENT ANNUALLY DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS -- OR TO ABOUT 196 TONS IN 1975 AND 211 TONS IN 1976.

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